LATEST NEWS.

TELEGRAMS.

Confirmations by the Senate.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The following confirmations were made by the Senate to-day:

William Gilpin, Governor of the Territory of Colorado; Joshua R. Giddings, Consul to the British American Provinces; Mark H. Dunnell, of Maine, Consul at Vera Cruz; John Britton, of New York, Consul at Southampton; W. O. Williams, of the District of Columbia; Second Lieutenant in the Army; McLand Tilton, of Maryland, Second Lieutenant in the Marine corps.

Hiram Barney has been nominated Collector at New York; also Richard C. Parsons, of Ohio, Consul at Rio Janeiro; Robert W. Shufeldt, of New York, Consul at Havana; T. Bigeler, of Lawrence, Mass., Consul at Florence.

WASHINGTON ITEMS.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—Col. Lamen, who was despatched by the President to Fort Sumter, will, according to a despatch received to-night, return to Washington on Wednesday.

It is not probable that the Republican Senator will again attempt the election of a Sergeant-at-Arms and Door-keeper, as the minority can, as was evidenced on Saturday, defeat their purposes by parliamentary tactics.

Minister Corwin Second's leaving for Mexico by the steamer Tennessee on the 1st of April from New Orleans.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—B. J. Sherwood, of New York, has been appointed Engineer-in-Chief of the Navy, vice Mr. Archbold, resigned.

The Cabinet is in session to-day on the appointments to fill vacancies which it is neccessary for the Senate to act on previous to adjournment, which will take place probably next Wednesday.

Henry R. Woodbridge, of Vermont, has been appointed Paymaster of the Navy.

Bold Attempt to Rob a Bank.

NEW YORK, March 25.—A bold attempt to rob the New York Exchange Bank of this city was discovered this morning. The burglars had excavated a distance of seventy feet to reach the bank, but daylight surprised them before they got the safe open. They got only $1,000, which was in a tin box on the safe. All engaged escaped but one man, who has since been arrested on suspicion.

Arrival of the New Mexican Mail.

INDEPENDENCE, March 25.—The New Mexican mail has arrived. Captain Halloway and Lieutenants Boyce and Kelly are among the passengers. Lieut. Kelly has resigned, and is en route for Louisiana. Capt. Halloway reports an abundance of stores for the army in New Mexico with the exception of flour, which is very scarce.

Arrival of the California Mail Steamer—The Revolution in New Granada.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The steamer Champion, with the mails of the 1st inst., has arrived. Her advices are anticipated. The Revolutionists have gained several successes in New Granada, including the capture of the Government flotilla.

St. Louis Mayoralty.

ST. LOUIS, March 25.—The unconditional Union men of this city in convention to-day, nominated John How for Mayor. Resolutions were adopted declaring the present depressed financial condition of the country the result of the disunion movement.

Infringement of the Coastwise Trade Act.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The steamer Bienville, of the line between this city and New Orleans, is under surveillance of the Custom-house authorities not bearing a proper clearance under the coastwise trade act. The vessel and cargo are liable to forfeiture.

New York Bank Statement.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The weekly statement of the City Banks show a decrease in loans of $1,859,470, and the following increases:—Specie, $326,158; circulation, $47,536; deposits, $1,410,444.

U. S. Frigate Saranac.

NEW YORK, March 25.—The U. S. frigate Saranac, has arrived from Valparaiso on the 17th February.

The Canada at Boston.

BOSTON, March 25.—The steamer Canada has arrived from Halifax.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

THE CATONSVILLE RAILWAY.—Those of our citizens who are interested in this work will be gratified to learn that the road from Gilmor street to a point two three quarters of a mile beyond Catonsville, has been put under contract and will be immediately commenced. There were ten bids for the contract, several of which were considerably below the estimate of Mr. R. H. Middleton, the Engineer of the company. The contract has been awarded to Messrs. Murray & Clark, who have had considerable experience in such work, Mr. Clark having built the Kingwood Tunnel on Baltimore & Ohio Railroad.—The price agreed upon is $54,720, of which the contractors take $16,000 in stock. The new bridge required over Gwinn's Falls, which is to be built upon another site, a little Southof the present bridge, which is to be removed, will require an additional outlay of $2,000—the cost not being included in the sum mentioned above. The new bridge will be thirty feet wide, and the floor will be elevated seven feet above that of the present one. The crest of the hill near the toll-gate will be cut down seven feet at its highest point and three feet at the gate, thus making a very great difference in the grade. The road will be straightened from the location of the bridge to the top of the next hill, thus avoiding all the contemplated difficulties with property holders.—All the culverts will be increased from 35 to the width of 40 feet. The track will be laid on the South side of the Frederick Turnpike to a point near the boundry line between the farms of Mr. Hewlett and Mr. Taylor. Here it will cross to the North side of the road and so continue to its terminus. The work will commence on Wednesday next. It is hoped that the track will be completed to Loudoun Park by July next. As most of the stock has been subscribed for, no delay in the completion of the work is anticipated.

ACCIDENT FROM CAMPHENE OIL.—A German servant girl in the employ of a family residing at Brownsville, Canton, was severely burnt on Saturday night while attempting to fill a lamp with camphene oil. It appears that she upset the lamp, which fell against her and set her clothing on fire. The flames instantly enveloped her and burned her so seriously that on Sunday morning, about four o'clock, she died from the effects. The lady of the house had her hands badly burned in the attempt to save the girl.

Lizzie Summers, a little German girl, 11 years of age, residing at No. 4, Burk street near Canton Bridge, arose between 4 and 5 o'clock on Sunday morning, and after lighting an etherial oil lamp attempted to fill it, when her clothes were set on fire and she was badly burned. She lingered until about 7 o'clock on Sunday evening, when death ended her sufferings.

PEW RENTING.—The renting of pews by auction in the new Universalist Church, on East Baltimore street, took place in that edifice last night, and was conducted by Col. S. H. Gover, auctioneer. The rate at which the principle pews were sold, taking into consideration the "hard times," is quite gratifying. The following are the names of the purchasers of the first eight offered with the premiums attached:—Edward Robinson, $150; E. Whitman, $150; James D. Mason, $130; Thomas H. Evans, $100; George Kennard, $65; R. C. Mason, Jr., $65; Captain D. E. Woodburn, $65; Major L. B. Parks, $50; each of the above pews was marked down at $450. The water used at the administration of the rite of baptism in this church on Sunday afternoon was brought from the river Jordan in 1848.

THE PASSOVER.—In accordance with a time-honored custom of the Israelites, the Hebrew citizens of Baltimore began last evening the celebration of the Passover. This is the beginning of the fasts and feasts which are so scrupulously observed by this people, and which will continue for several weeks. Among the Israelites of ancient times, and, generally, among those of the present day, the use of unleavened bread only is allowed. This will be one of the most solemn of the fasts of the season, and for several days there will be an entire suspension of business, for the purpose of worship in the synagogues.

SALE OF PROPERTY.—Two tracts of land in Prince George's county, near Cottee Station, on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, were yesterday afternoon sold at public auction by Mr. B. F. Horwitz, trustee, at the Exchange salesrooms. Tract No. 1, being part of the tract called "Snowden's New Birmingham Manor," contains eighty acres, more or less, and was purchased by Mr. W. S. Raynor, at $9 per acre. No. 2 is a part of the above named tract, and contains fifty-one and a half acres. It was sold to the same purchaser at the same price.

ASSAULT WITH INTENT TO KILL.—Sergeant Chalmers yesterday morning arrested James Morgan upon the charge of assaulting William Essenden, with intent to kill him. He was committed for a further examination by Justice McLaughlin. Morgan is also charged with the assault upon Thomas Ricktor, upon the Annapolis road, on Sunday afternoon.

STRALING.—Jacob Arnold was yesterday arrested by Captain Brown, upon the charge of stealing a shovel, the property of Jarrett T. King. Justice McLaughlin committed him for the action of the Grand Jury.

PERSONAL.—Hon. W. R. W. Cobb, member of the Congress of the Confederate States from Alabama, arrived in this city yesterday, and is sojourning at the Gilmor House.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, March 25.

FIRST BRANCH.—Present—JOHN C. BLACKBURN, Esq., President, and all the members.——Mr. YEISLEY presented the petition of Edward Coleman, for permission to remove a frame shop from his premises on Wolfe street, near Lombard; referred.——Mr. MEYER presented a petition of Thomas Brice, for permission to add an additional story to his frame building, No. 23 Gough street, near Eden; referred.——Also the remonstrance of Thomas P. Mariner against the leasing by the city to the Ferry Company of the wharf at the lower end of Hughes street; referred.——Mr. STAYLOR presented the remonstrance of Margaret Shaney against the passage of the ordinance regulating the Centre Fish Market.——Mr. BROWN presented a similar remonstrance from William Rogers.——Mr. DIXON presented a similar remonstrance against the passage of the ordinance from Lewis Jones & Co.; laid on table.——Mr. STAYLOR laid before the Branch a proposal of Edward Jenkins to sell to the city, for a new Almshouse, his place on the Franklin road, near Franklin, containing 72 acres, at $200 an acre; referred.——Also, the petition of A. J. McKenzie and others that the passenger railway cars may be permitted to run on Sunday; referred.——Also the petition of F. H. Grupy for permission to use a platform in front of his premises, No. 42 South Calvert street; referred.——Mr. NICHOLAS presented the petition of B. M. Heighe and others that a gas lamp may be substituted in place of the oil lamp on College alley, near Mulberry street; referred.——Mr. CRASS presented the petition of Mann & Co. for a release from the payment of certain moneys for the deepening of the dock at the foot of William street; referred.——Mr. PHELPS submitted a report with a resolution directing the placing of gas lamps on Townsend and Mosher streets; adopted.——Mr. BOULDEN presented a resolution directing the Water Engineer to have laid water mains on Eastern avenue, from President street to East Falls avenue, and on the latter avenue from Canton to Eastern avenues; adopted.——The PRESIDENT presented a resolution for placing a gas lamp on the corner of Pearl street and Chestnut alley; adopted.——Mr. NICHOLAS submitted a report from the Committee on Ways and Means on petition of Patrick Reaney and others in reference to the imposition of licences on oyster houses and restaurants, with a resolution for obtaining the opinion of the City Counsellor on the subject; adopted.——Mr. BLANCHARD submitted a report from the Committee on City Property in relation to the condition of the Marine Hospital, with a resolution directing the Board of Health Commissioners to have said building properly repaired; laid over.——The same gentleman called up the resolution discharging the Committee on Claims from further consideration of the petition of Elnathan Lincoln for payment of indemnity for damages sustained to his property on Chatsworth street, by a flood of water; adopted.——Mr. BROWN called up the ordinance imposing a penalty of $5 a day on parties using hydrants of their neighbors; rejected unanimously.——Mr. BOLGIANO called up the ordinance providing for the appointment of a keeper of refuse material belonging to the city; passed.——Mr. BANDEL presented a report from a Committee of the Mechanics and Workingmen's Society, with a memorial asking the appropriation of $5,000 to aid the unemployed workingmen of the city, with signatures from a large number of business houses; referred to Committee on Ways and Means.——Mr. CRASS called up the resolution providing for the erection of gas lamps on Gilmor and other streets; adopted.——From the Second Branch was received a resolution granting permission to James Richardson to suspend a canvass sign from the upper part of his building, corner of Light and Barre streets; adopted.——Mr. BANDEL gave notice of his intention to introduce an ordinance providing for the appointment of the Commissioners of the Public Schools.——Adjourned.

SECOND BRANCH.——Branch met.——CHARLES J. BAKER, Esq., President, in the chair, and all the members present.——Mr. ALRICKS presented the petition of Jas. Curley and others, remonstrating against any change in the gutter in Liberty street; laid over.——The PRESIDENT laid before the Branch a bill from A. S. Abell & Co., for advertising in *The Sun*; referred.——Mr. GEORGE, from the Committee on City Property, presented an ordinance granting permission to persons to erect houses with narrow fronts; laid over.——The ordinance supplementary to an ordinance to regulate the several markets was taken up, and after some discussion a motion was made to strike out the enacting clause, which was carried by the following vote:—

Yeas—Messrs. George, Alricks, Miller, Robb, Swindell and Higgins—6.

Nays—Messrs. President, Dean, Marden and Wilson—4.

A message was received from the First Branch, proposing the appointment of a Joint Special Committee, to whom should be referred the matter of the public printing; concurred in, and Messrs. Swindell, Dean and Robb were appointed the committee on the part of the Second Branch.——Also a resolution from the Committee on Claims, referring the petition of Henry Orndorf and others, asking the return of certain taxes paid in error, to the Appeal Tax Court, and directing the City Commissioners to pay whatever the Court may adjudge; adopted.——Also a resolution from the Committee on Highways, directing the City Commissioners to pay $100 to A. Ramp for damages done to his property by riotous persons; adopted.——Also a resolution from the Committee on Claims, adverse to the petition of Dr. A. W. Colburn, asking compensation for services rendered to James Richardson; adopted.——Also a resolution from the Committee on Water, allowing R. H. Moale to withdraw his petition for permission to sink an artesian well; adopted.——Also a resolution from the Committee on Markets, adverse to the petition of H. Raymond and others for an extension of Cross street market; adopted.——Also a resolution from the Committee on Ways and Means, adverse to the petition of George Wagner, keeper of the Eastern Fountain, for an increase of salary; adopted.——Also a resolution from the Committee of Police and Jail, directing the City Commissioners to examine the drawbridge at the mouth of Jones' Falls; adopted.——Also a resolution from the same Committee, directing the City Commissioner to repair and alter the offices of the Auditor, Collector and Appeal Tax Court; adopted.——Also an ordinance providing for the prompt collection of taxes on personal property levied by the State and city; passed.—[This ordinance having been passed without amendment, only requires the signature of the Mayor to become a law.]——Adjourned.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

CRIMINAL COURT—JUDGE BOND.

Archibald Stirling, Esq., prosecuting for the State.——The cases of John E. Ridgeway, magistrate, and constables Dorman and Pierce, indicted upon the charge of obtaining money under false pretences, were continued for the Panorama of The Holy Land, were called for trial, when Mr. Stirling announced that the action was brought owing to the fact that the accused had arrested and fined the prosecutor for exhibiting without a license, and he (Tilotson) had since left the city, being a non-resident. There was no available testimony to be gotten, it being of a very contradictory nature, and he would therefore suggest an entry of "not guilty confessed by the State." The entry was made as suggested and the cause quashed.

State *vs.* Wm. H. Smith *alias* Wm. H. Sorrell, negro, indicted upon the charge of the larceny of thirty yards of mixed grey cassimere, valued at $30, the property of Messrs. Dryden & Gibbons, merchants, on Baltimore street, near Holliday street. Leonard and Morrison, counsel for defence. It was shown in this case that the goods were taken from the door of Mr. Dryden's store by one of the negro men, who was seen to put it into a bag by a lad named Phillips. A negro named Anderson, who was tried several days since upon this charge, was counsel for the prosecution, and testified that being recognized as one of the three by the lad Philips, who to-day testified that Smith, the accused, was another of the parties. The testimony, however, was of a very contradictory character, and the jury, after an absence of half an hour, rendered a verdict of not guilty.——State *vs.* Casper Muller, a youth 16 years of age, indicted upon the charge of assaulting with intent to kill George Greer by stabbing him with a knife. It was shown by the prosecutor that he was in the Belvedere (Washington Hall) where a young man known as "Prince of Wales" quarrelled with him. After the performance was concluded, the parties went out for the purpose of fighting it out, and during the scrimmage Greer was stabbed by some one unknown to him. One witness, a young man named Gorsuch, deposed that the accused committed the assault by stabbing Greer, but his testimony was of a very conflicting nature, and the State accordingly abandoned the first count of the indictment, charging assault with intent to kill, and the jury, after argument by counsel, rendered a verdict of not guilty generally, upon which the accused was discharged from custody.——Margaret Houston was found by a jury *de lunatico inquirendo* to be a lunatic and a pauper, and was ordered to be confined at the expense of the State.——The cases of Herman Miller, indicted for larceny, and Ad. Afold, charged with illtreating a slave, were postponed until Friday next.——Mary Finnegan, indicted for larceny, was admitted to bail in the sum of $500; William Long, bondsman.——The Court reconsidered the judgment in the case of Philipina Harring, convicted of common barratry, and ordered her release.——Court at 3½ o'clock adjourned until 10 o'clock to-day.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT.—JUDGE GILES.

P. G. Crownenshield *vs.* The Susquehanna Steam Tug Company. Before reported. Decree for libellants for $414 67.——Brooks and others *vs.* same. Decree for libellants for $1,074 44.——Adjourned until Thursday next.

SUPERIOR COURT—JUDGE MARTIN.

L. P. D. Newman *vs.* Samson Carss. An action for damages for an alleged slander. Before reported. Jurors withdrawn by common consent, and the case dismissed.——Assignment from 639 to 724.

CITY CIRCUIT COURT—JUDGE KREBS.

Edward J. Carter, &c., *vs.* James J. Gifford and others. Bill by creditors to set aside a deed as fraudulent and void.——John Burgess *et al. vs.* Martha Triebert and F. W. Brune, Jr., administrator of Henry Triebert. Opinion of Court filed, making Alberti & Co. party defendants by an amended bill to be filed by the complainants.

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—JUDGE MARSHALL.

There were no cases tried in this Court yesterday.

BALTIMORE COUNTY COURT—JUDGE PRICE.

TOWSONTOWN, March 25, 1861.—Frederick Webber plead guilty to a presentment for selling one glass of lager beer on Sunday. It being the first offence, the Court fined him $50 with costs, but promised if the offence was repeated to "break him up." The State entered a nolle prosequi on the plea of not guilty in the case of John Holton, charged with selling liquor without license, it appearing that the Grand Jury had wrongfully found the bill, the accused having taken out a license as required.——Charles Lisgan, colored, indicted for assaulting Lewis Peck, also colored, plead guilty, and the case not being prosecuted, was fined $1 with costs.——State *vs.* Lewis Decker, indicted for the larceny of a flag, etc., the property of the State of Maryland, alleged to have been stolen from the State Live-stock Scales, on the night of the 17th of December, 1860. Verdict, guilty. Sentenced to the penitentiary for one year. Messrs. Wheeler and Keech for the defence.——State *vs.* Henry Richardson, colored, indicted for the larceny of a hog, the property of James A. Luckett, Esq.—Verdict guilty, and sentenced to be sold out of the State for eighteen months. Mr. Ensor for the defence.——State *vs.* James Dent, colored, indicted for assaulting with intent to kill Constable Henry Kennedy, while in the discharge of his official duty. Mr. Kennedy testified that he is a constable and watchman, stationed at "Russia," where the engine houses attached to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are located, a short distance from the city limits, and on the morning of the 1st instant saw the accused passing by with a basket, and supposing he had stolen something, called for him to "stand" —whereupon the negro ran, pursued by Kennedy, Frederick Weller and Joshua Musgrave, employees at the depot. When they were about to overtake him, he threw stones, struck at the officer with a club, and swore he would kill them. Kennedy struck him on the head with a revolver, and finally secured him, put him in a hand-car, and he then conveyed him to the city.——During the progress of the trial, it was in evidence that the basket contained some seventeen chickens, which the negro had stole from Major Elderman, and for which the accused was indicted and plead guilty. Verdict guilty on the fourth count, which is a common assault. Mr. Boarman for the defence.——State *vs.* Emanuel C. Wade, jointly indicted with Frank Latchford and Christopher Fitzpatrick for assaulting John H. Hall, alleged to have been committed on the 31st of December, 1860. Tried before the Court and adjudged guilty. Fined $75 with costs. Mr. Grason for the defence.——James Dent, colored, who plead guilty to the larceny of 17 chickens on Thursday last, the property of Major Elderman, was sentenced to be sold out of the State for eighteen months, and the Court adjourned for the day.——The Grand Jury will adjourn *sine die* to-morrow.

COURT OF APPEALS OF MARYLAND.

DECEMBER TERM.—ANNAPOLIS, March 25.—No. 117. Joseph O'Neal and others and the Commissioners of Washington County *vs.* The Virginia and Maryland Bridge Company at Shepherdstown. Appeal from the Equity side of the Circuit Court for Washington county. The argument in this case was commenced by A. K. Syester for the appellants and by D. Weisel for the appellee.

ANCIENT RECORDS IN OHIO.—The Ethnological Society of New York, on Thursday night, commenced the investigation of a stone box and tablet from a mound forty-five feet high, at Newark, Ohio. It was the second time described stone that was under discussion. A Hebrew pronounced it genuine and ancient. When found the stone was enclosed in a smooth, spheroidal stone box, about eight inches long, cemented by a whitish substance not yet analyzed, singularly placed in grooves, but was opened by a seam running longitudinally through the middle. The enclosed stone is of a peculiar form, but fits tightly in the bottom of the box, which is carved so as to receive it exactly.—On the upper side of the former is the figure of a man, in relief, with a beard and large gown, with the very square Hebrew letters M. Sh. H. over the head, and with an elevated rim, containing characters likewise engraved; and all other parts of the stone except a kind of a handle, are covered in like manner. This stone was deciphered by the Rev. John W. McCatty, pastor of the Episcopal Church in Newark, and proved to contain an abstract of the Ten Commandments. The alphabet employed is not found in Genesis; but most of the letters are easily recognized by their resemblance to the square, or common Hebrew print.

The Nashville *Patriot* of the 21st publishes a long memorial written by Mrs. L. Virginia French, and signed by Mrs. Henry Clay, Mrs. Sigourney, Mrs. Terhune, ("Marion Harland,") Mrs. Rosa Vertner Johnson, and other distinguished ladies, which was written to be presented to the Tennessee Convention. It is a strong appeal for the Union, but as the Convention was not held, it was of course never presented.

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

American patentees continue to extend their improvements in Great Britain. Among the latest we find Cesar Newman, of New York, inventor of an improvement in hoop-skirts. Isaac Rogers, of Haverstraw, in furnaces for heating ores. W. S. Thompson, of New York, in skeleton petticoats. W. M. Storm, New York, in construction of ordnance and projectiles. L. Brumlen, New York, in manufacturing oxi-sulphate of lead. T. & S. Schofield, California, in floating structures. J. C. Todd and P. Rafferty, of Passaic, in machinery for preparing hemp and similar fibrous materials.—S. T. Burbanks, Providence, in projectiles for firearms. J. E. Tourne, New Orleans, in "desicating wet or moist substances" (we should think New Orleans was just the place for his apparatus).—R. F. H. Havemann, New Brunswick, in compounds of rubber, gutta percha and "allied gums."

"The United Societies" of the Wesleyans in England are making a noble effort to purchase "the City Road Chapel," London, in the grounds of which lie the graves of Wesley, Clarke, Benson, Bradburn, Moore, Griffith, Watson, Bunting, and many other eminent Wesleyan ministers. A sum of £13,000 will be required for the purchase, £5,000 of which has already been subscribed, as acknowledged by the London *Watchman* and *Wesleyan Advertiser*, of February 13th. Methodists all over the world will rejoice at the success of this noble enterprise.

The authors of the "Essays and Reviews," so strongly condemned by the English bishops as being of an infidel tendency, are Dr. Temple, chaplain to the Queen and master of Rugby; Dr. Williams, of St. David's College; Professor Baden Powell, of Oxford (now deceased); Rev. H. B. Wilson, Vicar of Hants; C. W. Godwin, Rev. Mark Patterson and Professor B. Jewell, Regius Professor of Greek, Oxford.

The Abbe Larigierie recently visited Abd-el-Kader, and has graphically recorded the interview.—The old Emir spoke warmly of France, the kindness he had received there and the friends who had obliged him and his family. In relation to his own conduct during the Syrian troubles he claimed no credit beyond that of performing his duty.

The betrothal of the Hereditary Prince of Hohenzollern and the Infanta Dona Antonia of Portugal took place on the 1st in the Palace at Berlin, and the King and Queen of Prussia gave on the occasion a grand dinner to all the members of the royal family, to the Ambassador of Portugal, and to all the Knights Grand Crosses of Portuguese Orders who happened to be in the city.

There is a rumor from Madrid that Marshal O'Donnell is about to come to Cuba, and there organize a military expedition to Mexico to obtain satisfaction for the dismissal of the Spanish Minister.

Ten ships of the line, seventeen frigates, eighteen sloops, and about twenty small craft, constitute the whole of the British navy now propelled by sails. Upwards of five hundred and sixty others are steamers.

An ingenious English inventor proposes to remedy the want of bust in ladies of "a given thinness," by a jacket, to be inflated by the wearer to the proper shape, and, as Willis would say, "plumptitude."

Religious liberty of the most unrestricted character has been proclaimed at Naples. All former concordats and treaties with Rome are abrogated, and ecclesiastical power is limited to the punishment of ecclesiastical offences merely.

Only one citizen of a slave State has lately had an audience of the French Emperor, and he was General Stevenson, of Tennessee, who was introduced as chairman of the Pacific Railway.

Alfred B. Street has been elected an honorary member of the Literary Union, in Nuremberg, and his poems have been translated in the *Album des Literarischen Vereins*, at that place.

A readership on jurisprudence and the civil law has been established by the Inns at Court, a symptom of a more liberal view of law and justice than has been wont to be taken by British lawyers.

The perturbations of Mercury, long a puzzle to astronomers, is attributed by M. Liais to continuous showers of aerolites, which affect its mass and its momentum.

A bridle has been invented in France, with which a runaway horse's nostrils are suddenly closed, an effectual method it is said to stop the animal.

A beautiful stone mansion near Funchal, with offices, terraces, shrubbery and every convenience, is advertized for sale at 1,000 dollars. This gives us some idea of the value of estates in Madeira.

An English traveller writing home from Russia, says of it, that its "civilization is small, bribery and corruption are deemed only finesse, religion is a superstition and morality a myth."

The large increase of the number of lunatics in England is attributed by eminent physiologists of that country to the deleterous substances mixed with food.

It is stated that both carbon and iron have recently been found not to be elementary substances, the former being convertible into silicon, the latter into rhodium.

The Clydesdale horses are famous for their strength, frequently drawing four tons and a half at one load.

The London Omnibus Company calculate that the "knock downs" of their drivers are at least $150,000 per annum.

A German chemist asserts that he has found out how to manufacture pure silver by artificial means, at a cost of seventy-five cents an ounce.

The London *Times* has hired three of Wheatstone's electro-magnetic wires in London. The rent paid is twenty dollars per mile per annum.

Handsome velvet pile carpets are now sold in England at seventy-five cents per yard (our money), about half what is asked for them in New York.

Freights of cotton from Bombay to Liverpool, on the 26th of January last, ruled at £2 10s., and to London £2 7s. 6d.

There have been for many years, up to this time, nine hundred monasteries in the Neapolitan provinces.

Captain Ericsson is about to obtain a patent in England for his hot-air engine.

A subscription has been opened in all the towns of Italy for the relief of the inhabitants of Gaeta.

Vancouver's Island is said to be the Medeira of the Pacific.

The Cunard Company have offered the Arabia and Niagara for sale.

The best London omnibuses cost $665 each.

Lord Congleton is now a Baptist clergyman.

THE SOUTHERN LOAN.

LOAN FOR THE DEFENCE OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.

Five millions of this most advantageous investment will be offered to the public on the 17th of April ensuing, and every citizen throughout the Confederate States will have the opportunity of taking a share of the benefit, and at the same time of sustaining the cause of his country.

Bonds, with coupons, will be issued in sums from $1,000 to $50, and where it is preferred, stock certificates in the usual form may be had. The interest is at eight per cent. per annum, payable every six months, at all our principal cities.

The debt has the very unusual and important security of a duty of one-eighth of a cent per pound or about sixty-two cents per bale on all cotton exported. This duty, under all circumstances of peace or war, secures the punctual payment of the interest, and furnishes a sinking fund for the redemption of the principal. The coupons when due are receivable in payment of the duty on cotton, and are thus made available as coin everywhere in our country. In order to enable all portions of our people to take part of this valuable investment and to exhibit their common interest in raising funds for the common defence, books of subscription will be opened at the cities and principal interior towns; five per cent. must be paid in cash at the time of subscription, and the remainder on or before the first of May, interest to run from the date of such payment. Persons desiring to secure their subscriptions, may pay in cash the whole amount and take a receipt for the delivery of bonds or stock. To equalize the rates of subscription at all points, and to enable all persons conveniently to subscribe, subscriptions for the place will be received at their market value in cotton.

In case of an over subscription preference will be given first to those who pay down their whole subscription, next to subscribers of $50, next to subscribers of $100.

C. G. MEMINGER, Secretary of Treasury.

MONTGOMERY, March 16, 1861.

It will be seen from the above circular that no part of the Confederate States' fifteen million loan has yet been presented to the people for their contributions. The first call upon them is named for the 17th of April, and five millions of the fifteen will be offered on that day, when "books of subscription will be opened in the principal cities and towns of the Confederate States."

WAR TERMS.—The Columbiad or Paixhan (pronounced payzan) is a large gun, designed principally for firing shells—it being far more accurate than the ordinary short mortar. A mortar is a very short cannon, with a large bore, some of them thirteen inches in diameter, for firing shells. Those in use in our army are set at an angle of 45 deg., and the range of the shell is varied by altering the charge of powder. The shell is caused to explode at just about the time that it strikes, by means of a fuse, the length of which is adjusted to the time of flight to be occupied by the ball, which, of course, corresponds with the range. The accuracy with which the time of the burning of a fuse can be adjusted by varying its length is surprising, good artillerists generally succeeding in having their shells explode almost at the exact instant of striking. In loading a mortar, the shell is carefully placed with the fuse directly forward, and when the piece is discharged, the shell is so completely enveloped with flame that the fuse is nearly always fired. The fuse is made by filling a wooden cylinder with fuse powder, the cylinder being of a sufficient length for the longest range, to be cut down shorter for shorter ranges, as required. A Dahlgren gun is an ordinary cannon, except that it is made very thick at the breech for some three or four feet, when it tapers down sharply to less than the usual size. This form was adopted in consequence of the experiments of Captain Dahlgren, of the U. S. Navy, having shown that when a gun bursts, it usually gives way at the breech. The *Niagara* is armed with these guns, and at the Brooklyn Navy Yard there are sixty, weighing about 9,000 pounds each, and six of 12,000 pounds weight each, the former of which are capable of carrying nine inch, and the latter a ten inch shell a distance of two or three miles; and there is one gun of this pattern which weighs 15,916 pounds, and is warranted to send an eleven inch shell four miles. A casemate is a house or fort so strongly and sufficiently thick to resist the force of cannon balls, and a casemate gun is one which is placed under a casemate. A Barbette is one which is placed on the top of the fortification. An embrasure is the hole or opening through which guns are fired from fortifications. Loop holes are openings in walls to fire musketry through.—*Scientific American.*

IRON RAILROAD CARS.—The car, with twenty passengers, which plunged through the draw of the Hackensack bridge last week, on the New York and Erie Railroad, was built of iron; and when it was taken out, it was found to be a little bent, but not otherwise materially injured. The safety of the passengers is ascribed owing to the fact that the material of the car was not wood. Hitherto, when accidents of this kind have occurred, the cars have been crushed to pieces, and the passengers been either killed or wounded in the general wreck, or impaled by the splinters. With iron there are no splinters; and in this case it seems to have been strong enough to resist the shock of the fall, and to sustain its own weight when precipitated endwise into the water, without suffering much injury. If this is the result, iron railroad cars will hereafter be considered the safest for travel, and their use become general. The plunging of a train of cars through the drawbridge of a railroad, seems an inexcusable and criminal act of carelessness; but as carelessness leads to that, and collisions upon roads, every other precaution which can possibly guard the lives of passengers ought to be adopted.—*Phil. Ledger.*

General J. W. Whitfield, formerly of Kansas, and who was a delegate from that Territory to Congress during the latter part of Mr. Pierce's and the first part of Mr. Buchanan's administration, has located in Texas, and takes with him the first negroes which were carried to Kansas, and the last to cave it.

POSTAL ARRAGEMENTS OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES.—The following circular is published in the Charleston *Mercury* of Saturday last:—

[Circular.]
CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The Government of the Confederate States will not interfere with any existing contracts, entered into between the Government of the United States and the present contractors, until it assumes the entire control of its Postal Affairs. This course is rendered necessary by the utter impracticability of mixing the employees of the two Governments in the same service.

The question as to whether the Government of the Confederate States will assume any liability to present Contractors before it assumes the control of our Postal Affairs, involves the idea of liability, on the part of this Government, for the obligations of the United States, which cannot be entertained by this Department. But if the Government of the United States should abandon the mail service in the Confederate States, before the Department shall be organized and ready to enter into new contracts, I am authorized to continue existing contracts, provisionally, by proclamation, until new contracts can be entered into. Very respectfully,

JOHN H. REAGAN, Postmaster-General.

The city of Providence, R. I., is about to introduce gymnastics in the public schools, having made an appropriation to that effect.

Shipping Intelligence.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, MARCH 24.

Arrived.

Steamer Elizabeth, Colmary, from New York, mdse to Jas A Shriver.

Ship Admiral, (Brem) Haesloop, 48 days from Liverpool, salt to Schaer & tobier. Towed up by steamtug Ajax.

Brem. bark Industrie, Hilken, 35 days from Liverpool —salt to F L Brauns & Co. Towed up by Tiger.

Br. bark Constance, Jarvis, from Mauritius, Jan 24—sugar to R & H R Tucker.

Br brig Marletta, Bradshaw, from Cornwallis, NS, potatoes to E Rand. Towed up by steamtug Tiger. Encountered heavy weather, and on the 15th during a gale from NNE, had rail and bulwarks washed away, and sprung bowsprit and rudder head.

Schr Jane N Baker, Henderson, 20 days from Cayman Key, to Heslen & Rogers; guano to R & H R Tucker. 20th inst, lat 34 45, lon 75 48, spoke schr Silver Star, Philadelphia, 12 days from Savannah for Baltimore.

Schr Lucy R Robinson, Davis, from New York, ballast to Wm Rhoads & Son.

Schr J L Simmons, Gandy, from Attakapas, sugar and molasses to S Hurlbut. Encountered heavy weather and lost deck load.

Schr D K Arey, Brier, from Belfast, Me, potatoes to W Rhoads & Son.

Schr Edward Everett, Matthews, 30 days from St. Martins—salt to W Rhoads & Son. Was within 60 miles of Cape Henry in 12 days passage, and was blown off—has encountered very heavy weather since.

Schr B Maitland, Gray, from Newbern, N C—naval stores to Jas Corner & Sons.

Schr Silver Star, Phillips, 10 days fm Savannah—cotton and rice to Applegarth & Son.

Schr Two Brothers, Elzey, from Sharpstown, to Wm Rhoads & Son.

Schr Armada, Knowles, from Sharptown, to W Rhoads & Son.

Cleared.

Steamship S. R. Spaulding, Howes, Boston, via. Norfolk, A. L. Huggins.

Steamer W Brune, Foster, New York—J A Shriver.

Steamer Fanny Cadwallader, Pierson, New York—J A Shriver.

Steamer John S Shriver, Dennis, New York, Jas A Shriver.

Steamer Richard Willing, Claypole, Philadelphia, Jas A Shriver.

Steamer Georgeanna, Pearson. Norfolk, M N Falls

Ship Arnold Boninger, (Prus.) Hashagen, Rotterdam —Bros Boninger.

Ship Patterson, (24 clearance, having repaired,) Hill, Liverpool—Jas Carey Coale.

Brig Altivo, Rolla, Dublin, Ire—Capron & Co.

Sailed

Prus. ship Arnold Boninger, Hashagen, Rotterdam, in tow of Ajax.

Prus bark Von Leffert Lehsen, Kirchner, Gloucester, Eng, in tow of steamtug Tiger.

Ship Gladiator, Matthews, Rotterdam, in tow of steamtug Ajax.

Schr T J Frazier, Mitchell, Wilmington, N. C.

Arrivals from Baltimore.

Steamship Baltimore, Greene, Havana, 14th inst.

Steamship Thos Swann, Ramsay, New York, 23d inst.

Steamship Potomac, Watson, Savannah, 20th inst.

Schr Minerva, (Br) Fletcher, St Jago de Cuba, 1st inst.

Schr Mecca, Edgett, St Jago de Cuba, 6th inst.

Schr Marietta Burr, Hafford, Charleston, 20th inst.

Schr Ellen Goldsborough, Todd, Richmond, 21st inst.

Schr John H Travers, Frank, Richmond, 22d inst.

Schr Mist, Dissoway, New York, 24th inst.

Schr E A Wood, Cranmer, New York, 24th inst.

Schr J H Hoyt, Lynes, New York, 24th inst.

Schr Jonas Sparks, Inman, New York, 24th inst.

Schr Mary H Banks, Banks, New York, 24th inst.

Schr Alice, Davis, New York, 24th inst.

Schr Angelia, Van Cleaf, New York, 54th inst.

Schr Bell R Hull, Holmes, New York, 24th inst.

Schr Minerva, Fletcher, St Jago, 1st inst.

Cleared from Baltimore.

Steamship Jos Whitney, Loveland, Boston, 23d inst.

Steamship Thos Swann, Ramsay, New York, 23d inst.

Bark Splendid, Mallow, Boston, 23d inst.

Schr S N Smith, Loraine, New York, 23d inst.

Schr Hope, Frank, Norfolk, 22d inst.

Memoranda.

Bark Ida—Capt Wilson, underwriters' agent, arrived here yesterday from that vessel ashore on Cape Henry, and reports that about 700 boxes had been gotten out, and it was supposed that about 15,000 more would be saved in a damaged condition—the vessel will be a total loss.

The report of the ship Currituck and bark Chase being below is premature.

Ship Mystic, Rhoads, hence for Queenstown, Ire, went to sea, 21st inst.

Ship Ann E Hooper, Hooper, from Philadelphia, arrived at Liverpool, 10th inst.

Ship Juniata, Wilson, for Baltimore, sailed from Liverpool, 28th ult.

Barks Talisman, Baldwin, for Europe, and Ad